Summary

Creator: Adams, Leo, 1903-

Title: Leo Adams papers

Date: 1928-1952

Size:.8 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Gift, Adams, Leo, 1993

Abstract: Leo Adams (1903- ) was a management executive with R.H. Macy & Co. in New York City from 1930 to 1965. Before Macy's he worked in the early motion picture theaters in Chicago and New York. Collection consists of Adams's correspondence, photographs and poetry. Correspondence is with friends and concerns the personal lives, cultural pursuits and careers of Adams and his circle during the Depression, World War II and post-war eras. Some letters pertain to the homosexual relationships of Adams and others and reflect gay life of the times. Also, a few photographs of Adams and typescript booklet of poetry.

Access: Advance notice required.

Preferred citation: Leo Adams papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

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**Key Terms**

**Occupations**
Businessmen

**Subjects**
Gay men
Homosexuality -- United States

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Photographic prints

**Geographic Names**
United States -- Social life and customs -- 1918-1945
United States -- Social life and customs -- 1945-1970

**Names**
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